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THE PASSENGERS OF THE LUXURY LINER DANISH PRINCESS LINE THE MAIN DECK THIS MORNING...MAKING THE MOST OF AN UNUSUALLY SUNNY ATLANTIC CROSSING.
LITTLE DO THEY REALIZE THAT TRAVELING AMONG THEM ARE A SOME-TIME AVENGER AND HIS FRIEND, THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS...
DOCTOR STRANGE
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA, DOC? I MEAN, IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T ENJOY YOUR COMPANY ON MY MORNING WORKOUT- BUT AREN'T YOU STARTING TO DRAW A FEW STARES?
NOT AT ALL, DANE! IN MY ASTRAL FORM, I AM UNSEEN AND UNHEARD BY THOSE OF A NON-MYSTICAL BENT! A SIMPLE SPELL MAKES YOU THE ONLY ONE ON BOARD CAPABLE OF PERCEIVING ME!
YOU'RE SURE? I COULD HAVE SWORN-!
REST ASSURED, DANE, THAT ANY STARES YOU'RE GETTING, YOU'RE EARNING ON YOUR OWN!
YUM!
Sea Cruise
STAN LEE PRESENTS A MAGICAL HIGH ADVENTURE. BROUGHT TO YOU BY...
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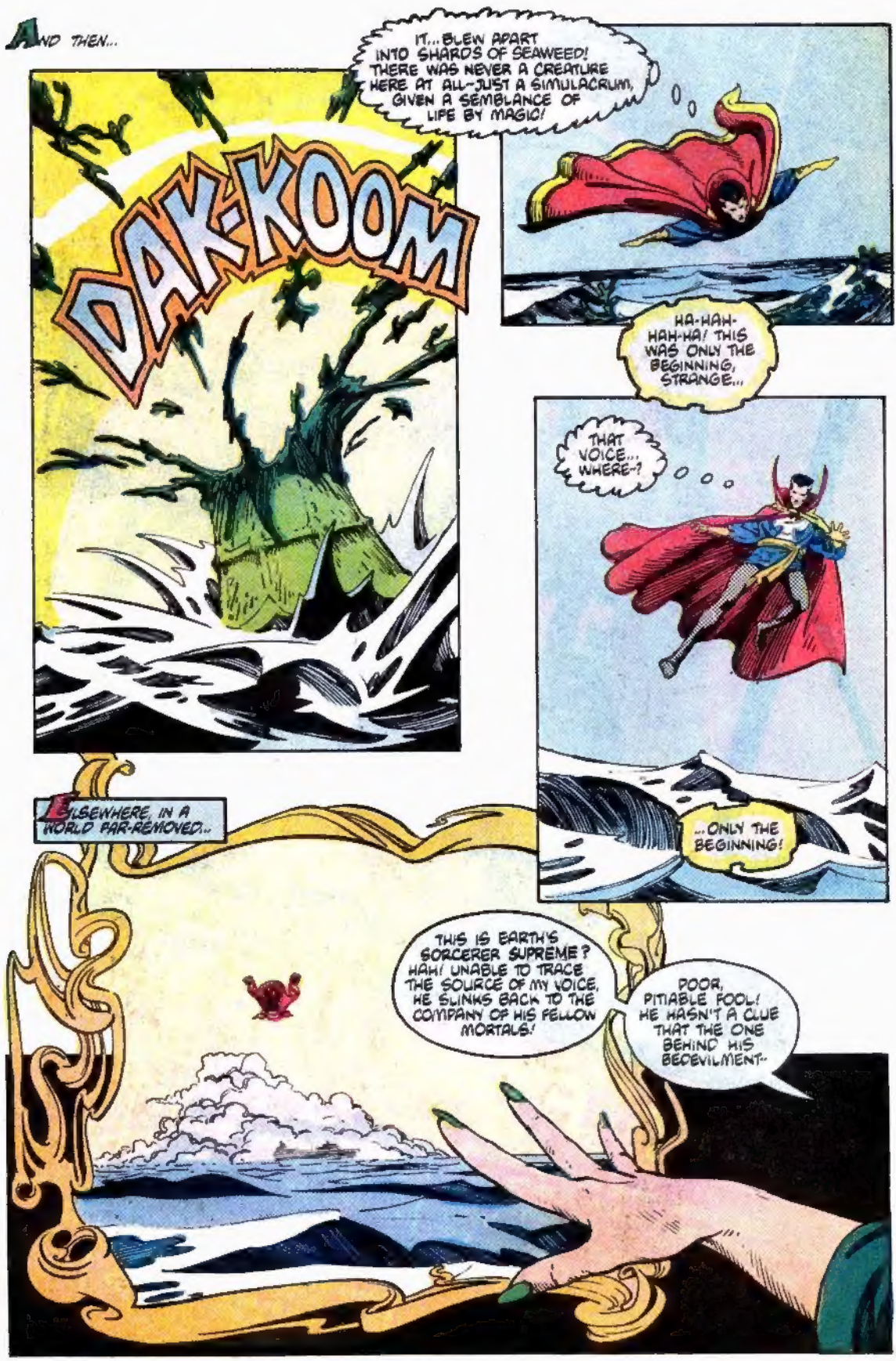
I'M GLAD YOU SUGGESTED THIS OCEAN VOYAGE, DOC. IT'S REALLY GIVING ME A CHANCE TO GET BACK INTO SHAPE!
AFTER ALL, WE WOULDN'T WANT TO EMBARASS THE AVENGERS BY HAVING A FLABBY BLACK KNIGHT SHOW UP ON THEIR DOORSTEP!
OH, YES!
ISN'T HE GORGEOUS? GOD, I HOPE HE HAS A MIND TO GO WITH THAT BODY!
DON'T HOPE TOO HARD! I'D HAVE SWORN HE WAS TALKING TO HIMSELF!
JUST MAKE SURE YOU DON'T OVERTAX YOURSELF, DANE! AND STOP BY MY CABIN WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR RUN!
I WISH I'D BEEN ABLE TO PERSUADE DANE WHITMAN TO TAKE A MORE LEISURELY MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE! HIS SYSTEM HAS ALREADY ENDURED SO MANY TRAUMATIC SHOCKS*
*SEE LAST ISSUE
I HOPE IT CAN TOLERATE THE STRESS OF RETURNING TO NEW YORK AND THE AVENGERS!
STILL, AFTER GOING THROUGH THE CULTURE SHOCK OF THE CRUSADES, IT MAY DO HIM GOOD TO GET BACK INTO THE THICK OF 20th CENTURY LIFE!
BUT, NO SOONER DOES DOCTOR STRANGE REJOIN HIS PHYSICAL BODY, THAN...

BY THE VISHANTI!!
A SEA SERPENT... LIKE UNTO THOSE OF LEGEND! AND FROM ITS BEARING, IT LOOKS TO THREATEN THIS SHIP!
IT MUST BE TURNED BACK AT ONCE!
WHAT THE-?!?
THE MISTS OF MUNNOPOR SHOULD HIDE THE SHIP FROM THIS CREATURE'S SIGHT LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO PACIFY IT!
HSSSSSSS
BY HOGGOTH! IT IS IMMENSE! COULD THIS BE ONE OF THE MONSTROUS SUB-SEA CREATURES OF WHICH PRINCE NAMOR * HAS SPOKEN?
WELL, NO MATTER WHAT ITS ORIGINS..
* THE LEGENDARY SUB-MARINER, RULER OF THE UNDERWATER KINGDOM OF ATLANTIS.

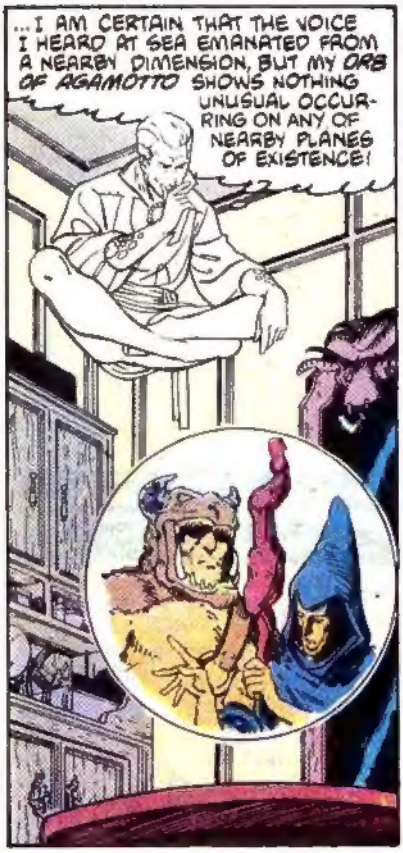
...THE PURE WHITE LIGHT OF NIRVALON SHOULD BEDAZZLE IT LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO ENTRANCE ITS SIMPLE MIND!
BUT...
EH?
HORDES OF HADES! IT RETURNS MY MYSTIC ENERGIES, MULTIPLIED A HUNDREDFOLD... AND MANIFEST AS FALTINIAN FLAME!
HAD I BEEN AN INSTANT SLOWER IN CALLING FORTH THE SHIELD OF THE SERAPHIM, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MY END!

WHILE, ON THE DANISH PRINCESS...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! ONE MINUTE A CLEAR BLUE SKY...AND THE NEXT, THIS!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A THICK FOG! KINDA MAKES YOU GLAD~
"~TO BE SAILING ON A MODERN SHIP THAT'S EQUIPPED WITH RADAR!"
SIR! I'M SHOWING A BLIP TO STARBOARD! DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY SHIP I'VE EVER SEEN... BUT WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S BIG!
NO EARTHLY SEA CREATURE WAS EVER ABLE TO CONTROL SORCEROUS POWER LIKE THAT! SOMEONE OR SOMETHING IS USING THIS FORM AGAINST ME!
I MUST UNCOVER THE IDENTITY OF MY ATTACKER, IF I AM TO END THIS MENACE!
'FORE AGAMOTTO'S AWESOME EYE, LET ALL ILLUSIONS YIELD...
HEED THE COMMAND OF DOCTOR STRANGE, "YE FOEMAN STAND REVEALED!"
FOR A SECOND, THE GREAT BEAST STIFFENS, TRANSFIXED BY THE POWER WIELDED BY THE MYSTIC MASTER!


AND THEN...
IT... BLEW APART INTO SHARDS OF SEAWEED! THERE WAS NEVER A CREATURE HERE AT ALL--JUST A SIMULACRUM, GIVEN A SEMBLANCE OF LIFE BY MAGIC!
KAK-KOOM
HA-HAH-HAH-HA! THIS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING, STRANGE...
THAT VOICE... WHERE--?
...ONLY THE BEGINNING!
ELSEWHERE, IN A WORLD FAR-REMOVED...
THIS IS EARTH'S SORCERER SUPREME? HAH! UNABLE TO TRACE THE SOURCE OF MY VOICE, HE SLINKS BACK TO THE COMPANY OF HIS FELLOW MORTALS!
POOR, PITIABLE FOOL! HE HASN'T A CLUE THAT THE ONE BEHIND HIS BEDEVILMENT--

—IS THE MIGHTY UMAR!
ORINI, BRING THE CAPTIVES FORWARD!
YES, MISTRESS!
WELL, MY FOOLISH YOUNG REBELS, I HOPE YOU PAID CLOSE ATTENTION TO MY MYSTIC WINDOW! YOUR PUNY LITTLE REBELLION CANNOT DEPEND UPON THE BACKING OF DOCTOR STRANGE... I CAN TOY WITH HIM WHENEVER I WISH!
WHAT CARE WE, MERCILESS ONE? THE EARTHMAN HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE REBELLION!
BE STILL!
DO NOT THINK YOU CAN FOOL UMAR! I RULE THIS DARK DIMENSION, AND LITTLE ESCAPES MY ATTENTION! I HAVE ALREADY DIVINED THAT THE TRAITRESS CLEA IS PART OF YOUR MOTLEY CREW...
...AND CLEA HAS EVER BOUND HERSELF TO STRANGE! EVEN A CHILD COULD DEDUCE HIS HAND BEHIND YOUR ATTEMPTS AT INSURRECTION!
BUT YOUR PROTESTATIONS AMUSE ME! YOU SHALL TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND CLEA!
THEN WE SHALL SEE JUST WHO IS THE POWER BEHIND THE REBELLION!

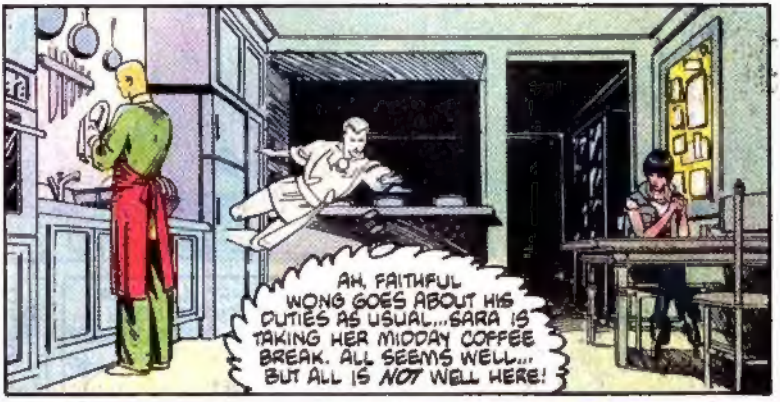
NEVER! YOU CANNOT OVERCOME OUR WILLS, UMAR! NOT A SINGLE REBEL CAN BE FORCED TO SPEAK AGAINST THE REBELLION!
OUR SHIELDS RESIST YOUR FIERCEST MENTAL ATTACK! OUR MINDS SHALL REMAIN OUR OWN!
HOLD YOUR TONGUES! GIVEN TIME, I COULD PIERCE YOUR PSYCHE-SHIELDS, BUT THAT IS TIME I CHOOSE NOT TO WASTE!
I GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO TALK, BUT YOU REFUSED... NOW MUST YOU PAY THE PRICE!
THROW THEM TO THE MINDLESS ONES!
NO.. NO!!
NOT THE MINDLESS ONES! PLEASE!
MEANWHILE, REALITIES AWAY, ON THE PLANET EARTH--
--IN AN EERIE GREENWICH VILLAGE TOWNHOUSE
INTERESTING...


...I AM CERTAIN THAT THE VOICE I HEARD AT SEA EMANATED FROM A NEARBY DIMENSION, BUT MY ORB OF AGAMOTTO SHOWS NOTHING UNUSUAL OCCURRING ON ANY OF NEARBY PLANES OF EXISTENCE!

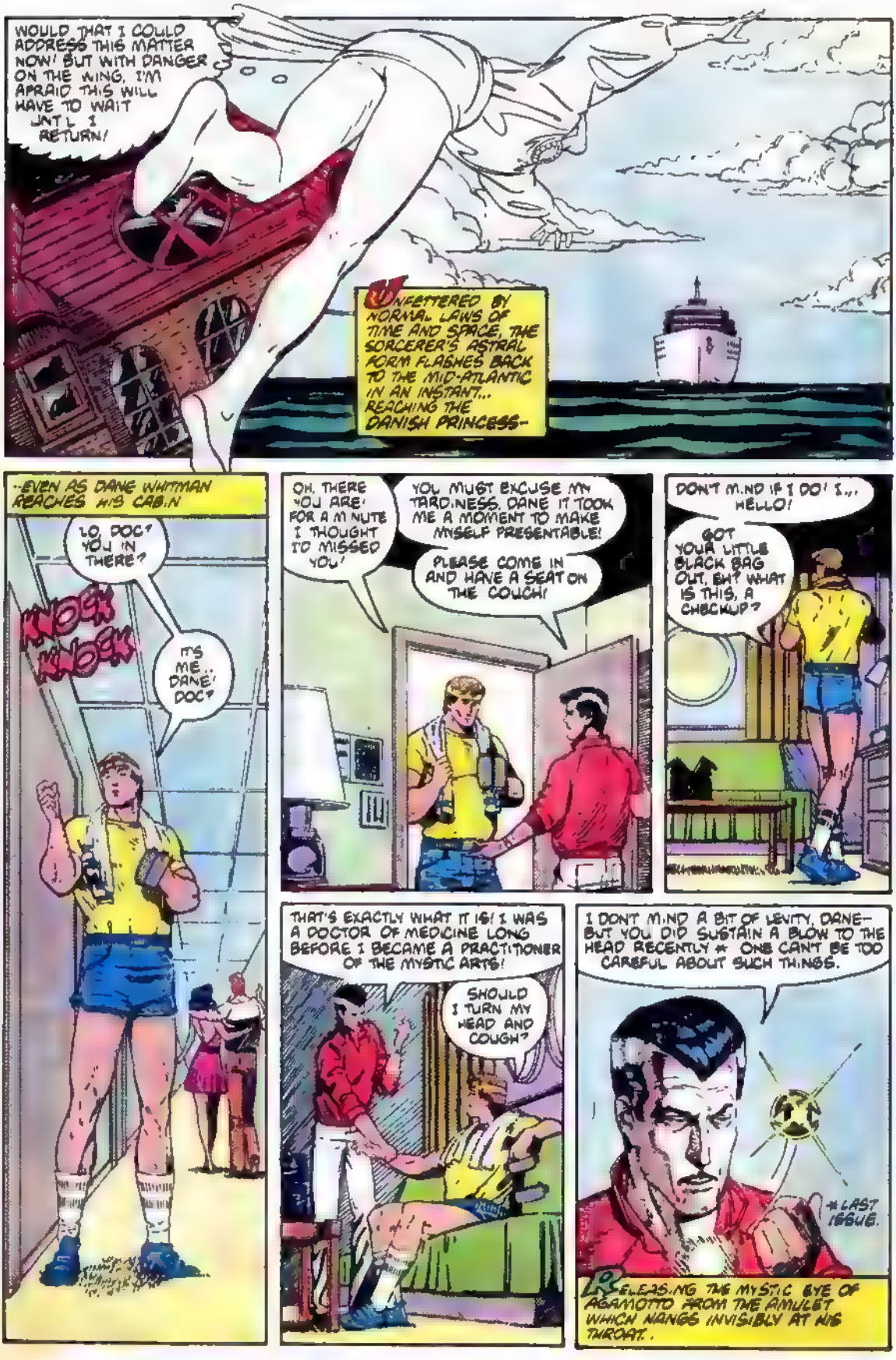
OF COURSE, I'VE YET TO SCAN THE DARK DIMENSION! I'VE AVOIDED OBSERVING THAT REALM SINCE CLEA RETURNED THERE, FOR FEAR OF JEOPARDIZING HER REBELLION AGAINST THE RULE OF UMAR!
BUT WHAT IF UMAR IS ATTACKING ME? CLEA COULD BE IN DANGER AS WELL! I MUST CHECK!

HOWEVER, WHEN THE MYSTIC FOCUSES HIS ALL-SEEING ORB ON UMAR'S DOMAIN...
IT IS NO USE. THE MERCILESS ONE HAS HIDDEN HER DIMENSION BEHIND A MYSTIC SHROUD! FURTHER PROBES WOULD ONLY DRAW HER ATTENTION!

I SHALL SIMPLY HAVE TO STAY ON MY GUARD UNTIL I CAN PHYSICALLY RETURN HERE TO MY SANCTUM.
I'D BEST CHECK MY HOUSEHOLD BEFORE I FLY TO REJOIN MY BODY!

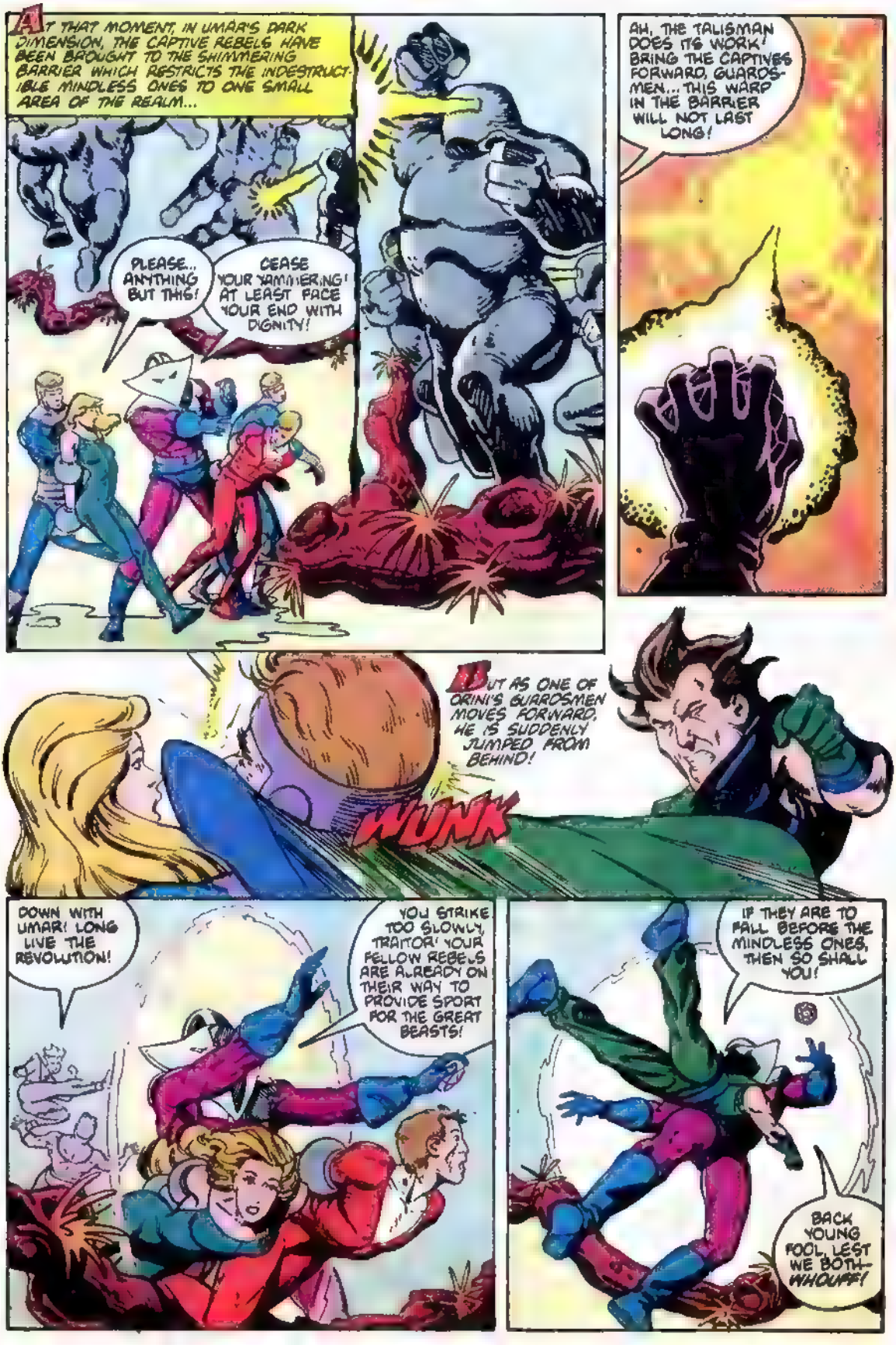

AH, FAITHFUL WONG GOES ABOUT HIS DUTIES AS USUAL...SARA IS TAKING HER MIDDAY COFFEE BREAK. ALL SEEMS WELL... BUT ALL IS NOT WELL HERE!

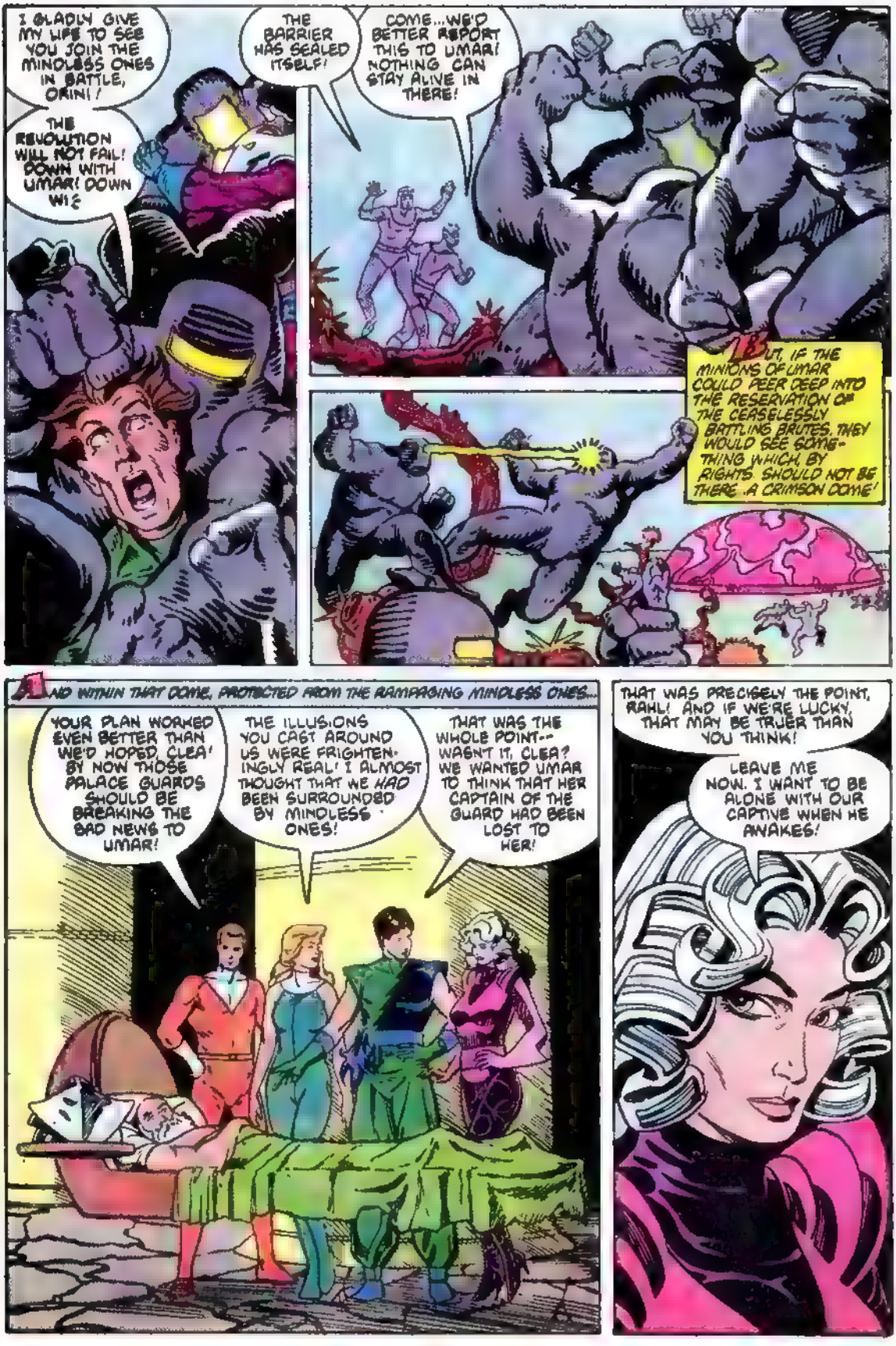
I HAD THOUGHT THAT MY MANSERVANT WAS GROWING FOND OF MY BUSINESS MANAGER, BUT NOW...IT IS AS IF A WALL HAS PASSED BETWEEN THEM. THEY WISH TO SPEAK, BUT THEY DO NOT!

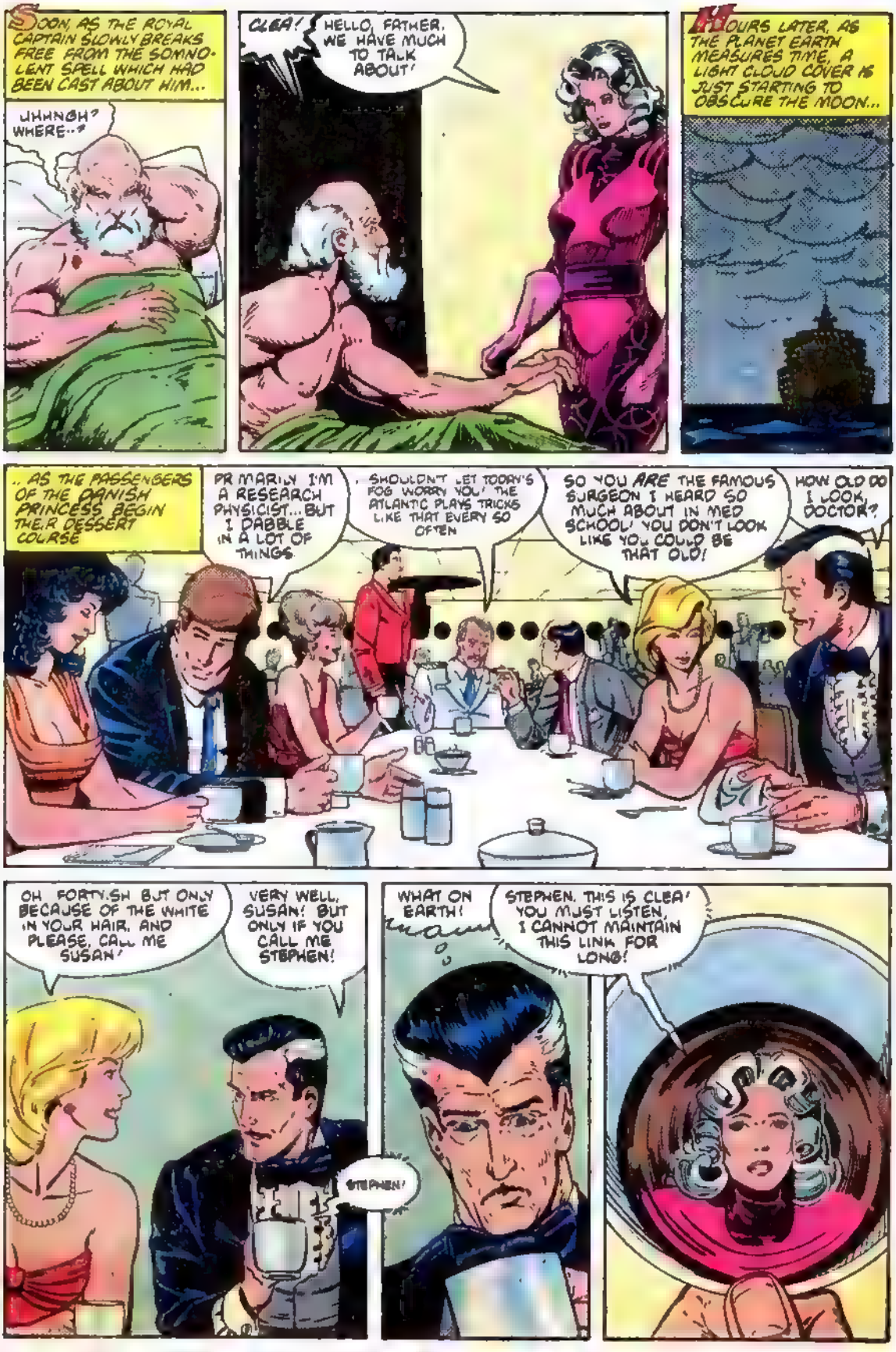

WOULD THAT I COULD ADDRESS THIS MATTER NOW! BUT WITH DANGER ON THE WING, I'M AFRAID THIS WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL I RETURN!
UNFETTERED BY NORMAL LAWS OF TIME AND SPACE, THE SORCERER'S ASTRAL FORM FLASHES BACK TO THE MID-ATLANTIC IN AN INSTANT... REACHING THE DANISH PRINCESS-
--EVEN AS DANE WHITMAN REACHES HIS CABIN
KNOCK KNOCK
LO, DOC! YOU IN THERE?
IT'S ME.. DANE! DOC?
OH, THERE YOU ARE! FOR A MINUTE I THOUGHT I'D MISSED YOU!
YOU MUST EXCUSE MY TARDINESS, DANE. IT TOOK ME A MOMENT TO MAKE MYSELF PRESENTABLE!
PLEASE COME IN AND HAVE A SEAT ON THE COUCH!
DON'T MIND IF I DO! I... HELLO!
GOT YOUR LITTLE BLACK BAG OUT, EH? WHAT IS THIS, A CHECKUP?
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS! I WAS A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE LONG BEFORE I BECAME A PRACTITIONER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS!
SHOULD I TURN MY HEAD AND COUGH?
I DON'T MIND A BIT OF LEVITY, DANE— BUT YOU DID SUSTAIN A BLOW TO THE HEAD RECENTLY * ONE CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL ABOUT SUCH THINGS.
* LAST ISSUE.
RELEASING THE MYSTIC EYE OF AGAMOTTO FROM THE AMULET WHICH HANGS INVISIBLY AT HIS THROAT..

...STRANGE CALLS UPON ITS ALL-SEEING LIGHT TO PROBE WHITMAN'S CRANIUM.
MM-HMM!
IS THAT A GOOD "MM-HMM" OR A BAD ONE?
EVERYTHING LOOKS FINE, DANE.
WELL, I DO COME FROM A LONG LINE OF HARDHEADS!
HEY, DID YOU CATCH THAT SUDDEN FOG A FEW MINUTES AGO?
I CAUSED THAT SUDDEN FOG... I HOPE NONE OF THE PASSENGERS WERE UNDULY ALARMED! YOU SEE, I WAS CHALLENGED BY A MYSTIC ATTACKER, AND--!
I TAKE IT THAT YOU WON! WHO WAS YOUR CHALLENGER?
I'M NOT CERTAIN. YOU MIGHT SAY THAT THEY GOT AWAY.. BUT WHOEVER THEY WERE, I AM SURE THEY'LL TRY AGAIN!
LOOK, IF THERE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE, YOU CAN COUNT ON THE BLACK KNIGHT TO BE AT YOUR SIDE! I KNOW WHERE MY SWORD AND OTHER GEAR ARE IN THE HOLD, AND--!
NO, DANE.. YOU SHOULDN'T INVOLVE YOURSELF IN THIS.
WHY? IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME? IS MY HEAD ABOUT TO FALL OFF?
NO, YOU'RE STRONG AS AN OX! THE ONLY THING YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IS MAKING THE WOMEN PASSENGERS' EYES POP OUT AS YOU JOG BY.
OH, YEAH? WELL, MAYBE I DO SHOW OFF A BIT DURING MY WORKOUTS... BUT I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO COMPETE WITH YOU!
I BEG YOUR PARDON--?

COME ON! DON'T YOU REALIZE THE EFFECT YOU HAVE ON WOMEN? I SAW IT IN VICTORIA BENTLEY'S EYES, AND I'VE SEEN IT IN THE EYES OF AT LEAST HALF THE WOMEN ON BOARD!
IF YOU DIDN'T SPEND MOST OF YOUR TIME MEDITATING IN YOUR CABIN, THE REST OF THE MEN ON THIS LINER WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE!
REALLY, DANE! I THINK YOU'RE EXAGGERATING! THERE HASN'T BEEN ANYTHING TO--!
KNOCK KNOCK
EXCUSE ME, DANE YES? WHO IS IT?
DR. MONTGOMERY... I'M SHIP'S MEDICAL OFFICER. I'M NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING, AM I?
NOT AT ALL! PLEASE, COME IN!
I SAW YOU WHEN YOU CAME ON BOARD, DOCTOR, BUT MY DUTIES KEPT ME FROM DROPPING BY AND PROPERLY GREETING YOU!
SAY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? TRYING TO GIVE ME SOME COMPETITION?
NOT REALLY, DOCTOR. I'M...AH MR. WHITMAN'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, AND--!
WELL, TECHNICALLY, MEDICAL MATTERS SHOULD GO THROUGH ME, BUT I'LL OVERLOOK THINGS THIS TIME... IF YOU'LL JOIN ME FOR DINNER AT THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE THIS EVENING!
SEE YOU THEN!
YEAH, DOC, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! I DON'T KNOW WHERE I GOT THE CRAZY IDEA THAT WOMEN MIGHT BE ATTRACTED TO YOU! :AHEM:

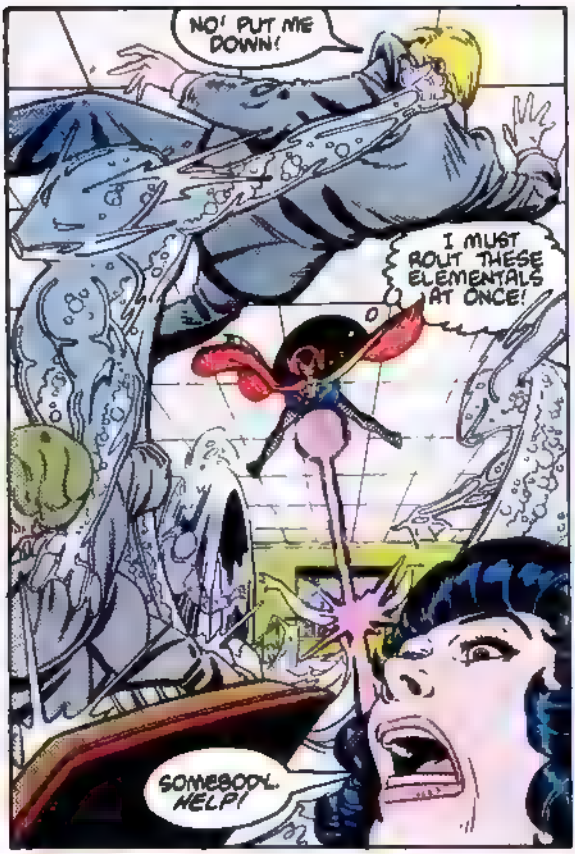

AT THAT MOMENT, IN UMAR'S DARK DIMENSION, THE CAPTIVE REBELS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE SHIMMERING BARRIER WHICH RESTRICTS THE INDESTRUCTIBLE MINDLESS ONES TO ONE SMALL AREA OF THE REALM...
PLEASE.. ANYTHING BUT THIS!
CEASE YOUR YAMMERING! AT LEAST FACE YOUR END WITH DIGNITY!
AH, THE TALISMAN DOES ITS WORK! BRING THE CAPTIVES FORWARD, GUARDSMEN... THIS WARP IN THE BARRIER WILL NOT LAST LONG!
BUT AS ONE OF ORINI'S GUARDSMEN MOVES FORWARD, HE IS SUDDENLY JUMPED FROM BEHIND!
WUNK
DOWN WITH UMAR! LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTION!
YOU STRIKE TOO SLOWLY, TRAITOR! YOUR FELLOW REBELS ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY TO PROVIDE SPORT FOR THE GREAT BEASTS!
IF THEY ARE TO FALL BEFORE THE MINDLESS ONES, THEN SO SHALL YOU!
BACK YOUNG FOOL, LEST WE BOTH- WHOOAF!

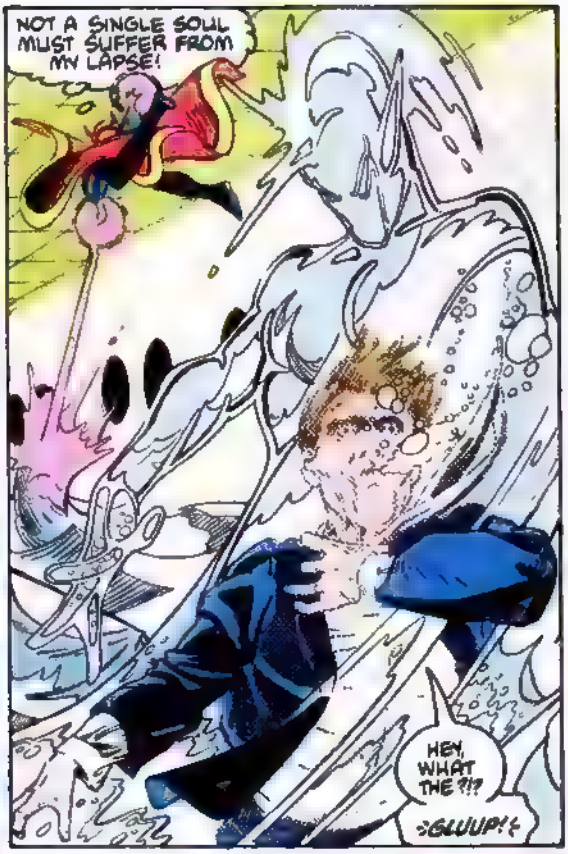

I GLADLY GIVE MY LIFE TO SEE YOU JOIN THE MINDLESS ONES IN BATTLE, ORIN!
THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT FAIL! DOWN WITH UMAR! DOWN WI-
THE BARRIER HAS SEALED ITSELF!
COME...WE'D BETTER REPORT THIS TO UMAR! NOTHING CAN STAY ALIVE IN THERE!
BUT, IF THE MINIONS OF UMAR COULD PEER DEEP INTO THE RESERVATION OF THE CEASELESSLY BATTLING BRUTES, THEY WOULD SEE SOME-THING WHICH, BY RIGHTS, SHOULD NOT BE THERE...A CRIMSON DOME!
AND WITHIN THAT DOME, PROTECTED FROM THE RAMPAGING MINDLESS ONES...
YOUR PLAN WORKED EVEN BETTER THAN WE'D HOPED, CLEA! BY NOW THOSE PALACE GUARDS SHOULD BE BREAKING THE BAD NEWS TO UMAR!
THE ILLUSIONS YOU CAST AROUND US WERE FRIGHTENINGLY REAL! I ALMOST THOUGHT THAT WE HAD BEEN SURROUNDED BY MINDLESS ONES!
THAT WAS THE WHOLE POINT--WASN'T IT, CLEA? WE WANTED UMAR TO THINK THAT HER CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD HAD BEEN LOST TO HER!
THAT WAS PRECISELY THE POINT, RAHL! AND IF WE'RE LUCKY, THAT MAY BE TRUER THAN YOU THINK!
LEAVE ME NOW. I WANT TO BE ALONE WITH OUR CAPTIVE WHEN HE AWAKES!


SOON, AS THE ROYAL CAPTAIN SLOWLY BREAKS FREE FROM THE SOMNOLENT SPELL WHICH HAD BEEN CAST ABOUT HIM...
UHHNGH? WHERE..?
CLEA!
HELLO, FATHER. WE HAVE MUCH TO TALK ABOUT!
HOURS LATER, AS THE PLANET EARTH MEASURES TIME, A LIGHT CLOUD COVER IS JUST STARTING TO OBSCURE THE MOON...
.. AS THE PASSENGERS OF THE DANISH PRINCESS BEGIN THEIR DESSERT COURSE
PR MARILN I'M A RESEARCH PHYSICIST... BUT I DABBLE IN A LOT OF THINGS
SHOULDN'T LET TODAY'S FOG WORRY YOU, THE ATLANTIC PLAYS TRICKS LIKE THAT EVERY SO OFTEN
SO YOU ARE THE FAMOUS SURGEON I HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT IN MED SCHOOL! YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU COULD BE THAT OLD!
HOW OLD DO I LOOK, DOCTOR?
OH, FORTY-SH BUT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE WHITE IN YOUR HAIR. AND PLEASE, CALL ME SUSAN!
VERY WELL, SUSAN! BUT ONLY IF YOU CALL ME STEPHEN!
STEPHEN!
WHAT ON EARTH!
STEPHEN. THIS IS CLEA! YOU MUST LISTEN, I CANNOT MAINTAIN THIS LINK FOR LONG!

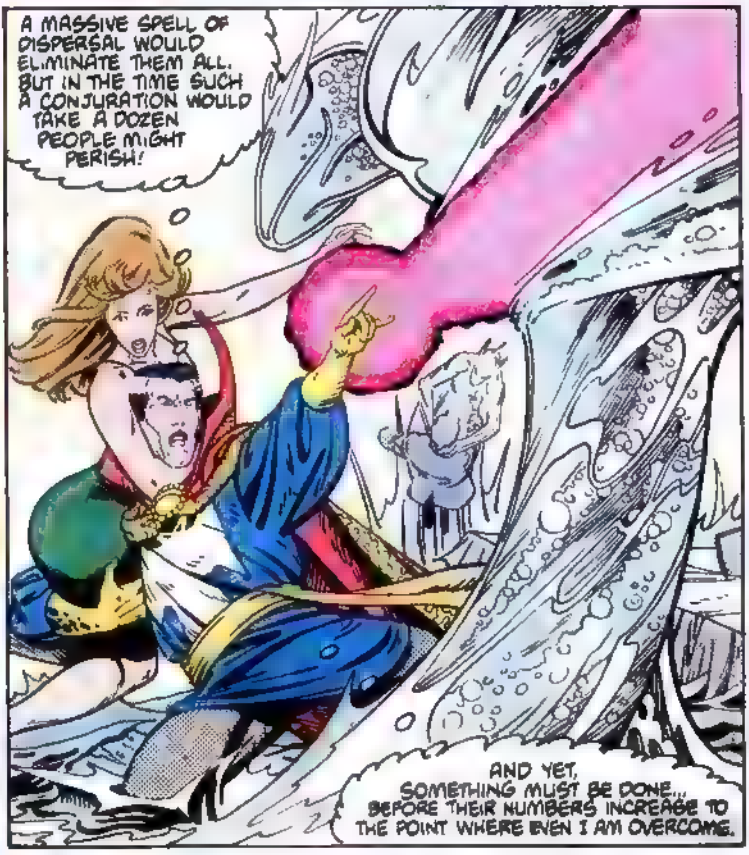
UMAR THINKS THAT YOU'RE PART OF OUR REBELLION! SHE'S BEEN ATTACKING YOU! SHE'LL STOP AT NOTHING, STEPHEN... BEWARE!
KRA-BOOM
JUST A LITTLE SUMMER STORM, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. NOTHING TO BE ALARMED ABOUT... THESE THINGS BLOW IN ALL THE TIME ON THE OPEN SEA.
IT'LL PROBABLY PASS US BEFORE WE'VE FINISHED DESSERT!
PERHAPS...AND PERHAPS NOT!
YOU MUST EXCUSE ME, SUSAN! THE SALMON BISQUE IS DISAGREEING WITH ME!
SALMON BISQUE, MY EYE! SOMETHING'S UP!
AND YOU OWNED A REAL CASTLE IN ENGLAND?
HUH? OH...AH, YES!
EXCUSE ME, MANDY...
THAT'S "SANDY!"
RIGHT! I'LL BE BACK IN A BIT!
OUT UNDER THREATENING SKIES...
UMAR! I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME! IF YOU WISH TO FIGHT ME, HERE I AM!
OR ARE YOU AFRAID OF A "MERE MORTAL?"
AFRAID? AFRAID?!?
KRA-KA-BOOM

HAHHAH HAHHA!
LET ME SHOW YOU THE MEANING OF FEAR, STEPHEN STRANGE!
SHE'S BRINGING DOWN A DELUGE AND CONJURING FORTH WATER ELEMENTALS FROM THE POOLING RAINWATER!
THE GAUNTLET IS THROWN, THE CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!
WITH A SINGLE MYSTIC PASS, DOCTOR STRANGE DROPS THE ILLUSION WHICH MASKS HIS TRUE ATTIRE...
UMAR MUST THINK ME A NOVICE TO LAUNCH SUCH AN ATTACK! YOU ARE NO THREAT TO ME!
SEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
TO YOU, NO! AH, BUT TO THEM!
THE PASSENGERS! TAKE ME FOR A FOOL, I SHOULD HAVE FLOWN AWAY FROM THE SHIP BEFORE DEFYING UMAR!
THAT SUDDEN MESSAGE FROM CLEA--! SEEING HER IMAGE AFTER ALL THESE WEEKS--! NO, THERE CAN BE NO EXCUSES!
I HAVE RECKLESSLY ENDANGERED THE LIVES OF ALL ON BOARD!


NO! PUT ME DOWN!
I MUST ROUT THESE ELEMENTALS AT ONCE!
SOMEBODY, HELP!

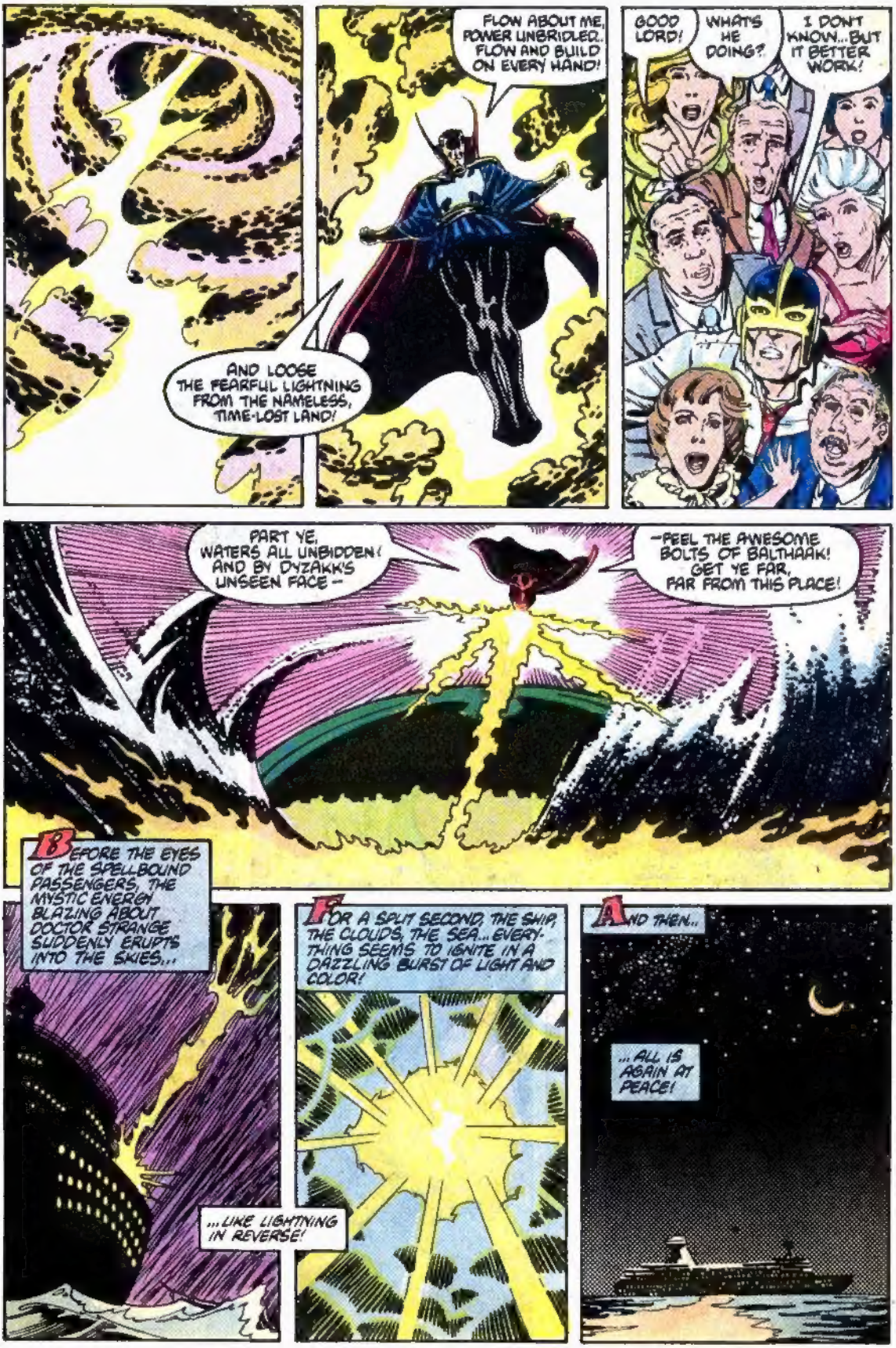

NOT A SINGLE SOUL MUST SUFFER FROM MY LAPSE!
HEY, WHAT THE?!?
-GLUUP!-

LIKE A DERVISH, THE SORCERER DARTS THROUGHOUT THE GREAT DINING ROOM! WITH EVERY TURN, ANOTHER SCORE OF ELEMENTALS ARE REDUCED TO POOLS OF WATER! BUT...
STILL MORE OF THEM TAKE FORM!


A MASSIVE SPELL OF DISPERSAL WOULD ELIMINATE THEM ALL. BUT IN THE TIME SUCH A CONJURATION WOULD TAKE A DOZEN PEOPLE MIGHT PERISH!
AND YET, SOMETHING MUST BE DONE... BEFORE THEIR NUMBERS INCREASE TO THE POINT WHERE EVEN I AM OVERCOME.

HANG IN THERE, DOC! HELP IS ON THE WAY!
GET BEHIND ME, ALL OF YOU! AND GET UP HIGH... ON CHAIRS, TABLES, ANYTHING! THE WATER'S RISING IN HERE!
DANE, THANK OSHTUR! YOU'VE GIVEN ME THE RESPITE I NEEDED!
IT'S LIKE I TOLD YOU EARLIER, DOC--YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON THE BLACK KNIGHT!
WHETHER A MENACE IS PHYSICAL, MAGICAL OR ANYTHING IN BETWEEN--
--IT CAN'T STAND UP TO MY ENCHANTED EBONY SWORD!

VERY GOOD, SIR KNIGHT, BUT YOU CAN SHEATH YOUR SWORD NOW!
WHAT? BUT I--
ONLY WITH EVERYONE AT LAST UNDER PROTECTIVE COVER, DO I HAVE A CHANCE OF ENDING THIS MADNESS!
IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE SAVED YOUR MORTAL FRIENDS, YOU ARE WRONG, STRANGE! THE SHEER WEIGHT OF MY ELEMENTALS SHALL SEND THIS VESSEL TO THE OCEAN'S FLOOR, AND THEN--!
IT IS YOU WHO ARE IN ERROR, UMAR! YES, I UNDERESTIMATED YOUR PERFIDY... BUT YOU HAVE SADLY UNDERESTIMATED ME!
WINDS OF WATOOMB, BUILD AND SWELL, AND SWIRL AT MY COMMAND...


AND LOOSE THE FEARFUL LIGHTNING FROM THE NAMELESS, TIME-LOST LAND!
FLOW ABOUT ME, POWER UNBRIDLED.. FLOW AND BUILD ON EVERY HAND!
GOOD LORD!
WHAT'S HE DOING?
I DON'T KNOW... BUT IT BETTER WORK!
PART YE, WATERS ALL UNBIDDEN! AND BY DYZAIKK'S UNSEEN FACE --
--FEEL THE AWESOME BOLTS OF BALTHAAK! GET YE FAR, FAR FROM THIS PLACE!
BEFORE THE EYES OF THE SPELLBOUND PASSENGERS, THE MYSTIC ENERGY BLAZING ABOUT DOCTOR STRANGE SUDDENLY ERUPTS INTO THE SKIES...
...LIKE LIGHTNING IN REVERSE!
FOR A SPLIT SECOND, THE SHIP, THE CLOUDS, THE SEA... EVERYTHING SEEMS TO IGNITE IN A DAZZLING BURST OF LIGHT AND COLOR!
AND THEN...
...ALL IS AGAIN AT PEACE!

LATER...
I'VE TRAVELLED TO OTHER DIMENSIONS WITH YOU BEFORE, DOC, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
THE SHIP IS DRY AS A BONE! OH, THE OTHERS ARE A LITTLE DAZED, BUT THEY SEEM TO BE ALL RIGHT!
YES...THEY WILL REMEMBER ALMOST NOTHING OF THIS IN THE MORNING. I'VE ALREADY SEEN TO THAT.
YOU'D BEST GET SOME SLEEP YOURSELF, DANE. AFTER ALL, TOMORROW WE DOCK IN NEW YORK!
I'LL BET THAT YOU SLEEP WELL...YOUR ATTACKERS ARE GONE WITH THE STORM! HEH! THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TAKE ON DOCTOR STRANGE!
WELL, GOOD NIGHT!
UMAR SURELY KNEW THAT I COULD BEAT THOSE ELEMENTALS...JUST AS SHE MUST HAVE KNOWN I WOULD DEFEAT THIS MORNING'S ERSATZ MONSTER! SHE HAS BEEN STRIKING AT ME RECKLESSLY...
...GOADING ME INTO A WAR OF NERVES...PUTTING THE LIVES OF INNOCENT MORTALS IN PERIL!
AND ALL OF THIS MADNESS HAS BEEN AN ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT THE REBELLION SHE THINKS I HAVE ENGINEERED AGAINST HER!
VERY WELL, UMAR, AS YOU THINK ME TO BE PART OF THIS REBEL UNDERGROUND, I WILL FULFILL YOUR WARPED IMAGININGS!
AND I SHALL ANSWER YOUR CHALLENGES BY BRINGING THE WAR DIRECTLY BACK TO YOU!
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